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Title : IMPROVED BLOCK ENTROPY CODING IN EMBEDDED BLOCK
CODING WITH OPTIMIZED TRUNCATION IMAGE COMPRESSION

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's action dated May 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this Preliminary Amendment and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Preliminary Amendment.

An **Appendix** containing replacement and annotated drawing sheets is attached following page 9 of this Preliminary Amendment.

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